

15. (Original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the connector is in the recess, the first side surface of the connector is substantially coplanar with the wall.

- 11/22/04 16. (Currently amended) A portable device comprising:
- (a) a casing with at least one function key,
 - (b) a recess in a wall of the casing for accommodating a connector when the connector is not in use,
 - (c) a connector cable for permanently connecting the connector to an internal circuitry of the portable device;
 - (d) the recess being sized, shaped and located to as to not interfere with operation of the at least one function key;
 - (e) the connector, when in the recess, having a side surface substantially coplanar with the wall; and
 - (f) the recess comprising a rear wall with a gap therein for the passage therethrough of the connector cable, the connector cable extending between the gap and the connector with a curved shape when the connector is in the recess, the connector cable passing through the gap at an angle to the rear wall so as to bias the connector cable to the curved shape.

17. (Original) A portable device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the connector and the connector cable are for enabling: